

Explanations based on the Specification of PCT Article 19(1)  
(PCT Rule 46.4)

1. Explanations of the Amendments

5 The amendment to claim 1 is described in paragraph [0011] of the specification, and the amendment to claim 7 is described in paragraph [0010] of the specification.

2. Comparisons between the present invention and cited references

10 Document 2 discloses the invention relating to "fixing belt" used for printers and copy machines (paragraphs [0002] to [0004]), and therefore the technical field is different from "medical tube". Furthermore, this document is intended to enhance the releasability of the outer face (paragraphs [0005] to [0006], "contact angle with water" in Table 1, paragraph [0075]) and therefore does not share the problems to be solved. Thus, Document 2 cannot be combined with Document 2.

15 Even if it should be possible to combine Document 1 and Document 2, none of these documents describe nor suggest the configuration of claim 1 of the present invention, reciting "the mixture component is heated and cured at an outer face of a core wire at a temperature exceeding a melting point of the fluorine resin particles, whereby the fluorine resin particles melt and are precipitated on an inner face or the inner face and an outer face of the tube, and the face on which the fluorine resin particles melt and are precipitated is a low friction resistance face.". Due to the above-stated difference in configuration, the present invention shows excellent effects as shown in paragraph [0041] and "contact angle of glass face" in Table 1. Thus, we believe that the present invention has inventive step.